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SUBJECT: LEBANESE AND SYRIAN VIEWS ON SECURITY COUNCIL
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SUMMARY: LEBANESE AND SYRIANS WANT QUICK ACTION OVER THIS
WEEKEND FOR ADOPTION OF A UNSC RESOLUTION ON TWO
PRINCIPLES: A) RESPECT FOR LEBANESE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY;
AND B) ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM SOUTHERN LEBANON. THEY
ENVISAGE SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS FOR SEPARATE RESOLUTION
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ON POSSIBLE UN PEACEKEEPING ROLE. END SUMMARY.

1. AMBS YOUNG AND LEONARD MET WITH SYRIAN PERMREP ALLAF
AND LEBANESE PERMREP TUENI ON MARCH 17 AT 12:00 FOR
EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION RE THE
SITUATION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON. LEONARD OUTLINED THE US
VIEW ON THE THREE ELEMENTS FOR A UNSC RESOLUTION AS PER

STATE 068560 PARA 3, AND ALSO REVIEWED WITH ALLAF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR AMB MURPHY'S MEETING WITH ASSAD AS PER STATE 068716. TUENI JOINED CONVERSATION AT THIS POINT AND ASKED YOUNG TO CONVEY THE GRATITUDE OF THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT FOR THE POSITION TAKEN BY THE USG IN THE STATEMENT RELEASED IN WASHINGTON MARCH 16.

2. ON TIMING OF SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING, TUENI STATED THAT THE ARAB GROUP WANTS THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO MEET THIS AFTERNOON AND TO CONTINUE ITS SESSION OVER THE WEEKEND IN ORDER TO TAKE QUICK ACTION. ARAB GROUP WANTS AN SC RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON "GENERAL PRINCIPLES" BEFORE THE CARTER-BEGIN MEETING ON MARCH 21 AND BELIEVES THIS ALSO SHOULD BE IN OUR INTEREST SO THAT WE CAN HAVE A "USEFUL INSTRUMENT" IN HAND FOR THESE DISCUSSIONS.

3. IN RESPONSE TO LEONARD'S PRESENTATION ON THE THREE ELEMENTS FOR A SC RESOLUTION, ALLAF ASKED WHETHER IN OUR VIEW ALL THESE HAD TO BE INCLUDED IN A SINGLE RESOLUTION. HE ASKED US TO CONVEY TO WASHINGTON HIS REQUEST THAT THE USG NOT INSIST ON LINKING THE FIRST TWO WITH THE THIRD, I.E., MAKING SC AFFIRMATION OF RESPECT FOR LEBANESE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL DEPENDENT ON ADVANCE AGREEMENT ON A UN PEACEKEEPING ROLE. REFERRING TO THE EXPERIENCE WITH UNSC RES 242, ALLAF SAID CONFIDENTIAL

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IT WOULD BE A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT FOR THE SC NOW TO FAIL TO ASK UNCONDITIONALLY FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM SOUTHERN LEBANON. IF AN ACCEPTABLE ARRANGEMENT ON A UN ROLE COULD NOT BE WORKED OUT, THIS COULD THEN PROVIDE ISRAEL WITH THE PRETEXT FOR STAYING IN SOUTHERN LEBANON. WOULD THE US, HE ASKED, REFUSE TO SUPPORT A RESOLUTION CONTAINING ONLY THE FIRST TWO ELEMENTS? LEONARD SAID THIS KIND OF RESOLUTION WOULD NOT MEET ISRAELI CONCERNS, AND THUS WOULD NOT ASSURE ARAB OBJECTIVE OF ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL. US PREFERENCE, HE SAID, WAS TO HAVE THREE ELEMENTS IN A SINGLE RESOLUTION. IN REPLY TO YOUNG'S SUGGESTION THAT AN OBSERVER FORCE COMPARABLE TO THAT IN GOLAN HEIGHTS COULD PERHAPS BE ESTABLISHED IN SOUTHERN LEBANON, ALLAF INDICATED HIS CONCERN THAT THIS COULD IN EFFECT SANCTION ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF SOUTHERN LEBANON.

4. ALLAF AND TUENI THEN INDICATED THAT ARAB GROUP WANTS THE SC AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION ON TWO "GENERAL PRINCIPLES"; A) RESPECT FOR LEBANESE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND INDEPENDENCE AND B) ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM SOUTHERN LEBANON AND THE RESTORATION OF LEBANESE GOVERN-

MENT AUTHORITY IN THAT AREA.

5. ALLAF AND TUENI INDICATED THAT ARAB GROUP IS PREPARED TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS SUBSEQUENTLY ON A SEPARATE RESOLUTION DEALING WITH A POSSIBLE UN PEACEKEEPING ROLE IN SOUTHERN LEBANON. ALLAF ASKED WHETHER WE HAD GIVEN CONSIDERATION TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE LEBANESE ARMY

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WOULD DIRECTLY ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY IN SOUTHERN LEBANON AFTER THE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL. NOTE: NEW YORK TIMES CORRESPONDENT KITTY TELTSCH TOLD YOUNG LATER ON THAT TUENI INDICATED ARAB GROUP WAS CONSIDERING A PROPOSAL ENVISAGING RETURN OF LEBANESE ARMY TO SOUTHERN LEBANON WITH SOME KIND OF ASSISTANCE FROM A UN FORCE.

6. THROUGHOUT THIS CONVERSATION, ALLAF AND TUENI INDICATED

DESIRE TO COOPERATE WITH US, AND TO HAVE SC PRODUCE
POSITIVE RESULTS LEADING TO ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL.
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7. YOUNG SAID HE WOULD REPORT THEIR VIEWS TO THE SECRETARY
AND IT WAS AGREED THAT WE WOULD STAY IN CLOSE CONSULTA-
TION. YOUNG

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